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COMMENTS ON PENDING LEGISLATION

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The existing statute provides authority for the secretaries of the military departments to expand productive capacity in both Government-owned and privately-owned plants with ownership remaining in the Government for its facilities placed in privately-owned plants. Comparable authority had been granted during World War II but expired 1 July 1953.

The 1953 Act would have expired on 1 July 1954, the the expiration date was extended at that time to 1 July 1956. The purpose of the present amendment is merely to continue the legislation for an additional year.

Insofar as the existent authority of the military departments may be of use to this Agency, it is of interest to us. However, no action by this Agency seems necessary.

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